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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 04098

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR JAMAICA

REF: STATE 115152

1. EMBOFF PRESENTED TENTATIVE U.S. ASSESSMENT OF JAMAICAN SITUATION CONTAINED REFTEL TO D.C. REECE, DIRECTOR OF CARIBBEAN DIVISION OF EXTAFF AND ASKED FOR COMMENTS. REECE SAID GOC WAS FOLLOWING SITUATION IN JAMAICA VERY CLOSELY BUT HAD NOT PREPARED DETAILED ANALYSIS. ESTIMATES OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE ON MAGNITUDE OF U.S. DOLLARS 200 MILLION EACH YEAR FOR NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS ARE SIMILAR TO FIGURES THAT REECE BELIEVED JAMAICANS HAD ONCE DISCUSSED WITH GOC.

2. OTHER THAN "ROLLOVER" OF LOAN OF CANADIAN DOLLARS 25 MILLION ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS MONTH (ON MAY 6, FINANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT HAD ANNOUNCED THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF LOAN TO AUGUST 9, 1977), REECE SAID THAT GOC WAS NOT CURRENTLY CONSIDERING ANY SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA, AND GOJ HAD NOT APPROACHED GOC FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE.

3. IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE, SAID REECE, THAT PM MANBY COULD MAKE DIRECT PITCH FOR MORE ASSISTANCE TO PM TRUDEAU AT UPCOMING COMMONWEALTH MEETING, AND REECE THANKED

EMBOFF FOR U.S. ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION, WHICH, HE SAID,
WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO PM TRUDEAU'S BRIEFING BOOK.

4. EXTAFF JAMAICAN DESK OFFICER, WHO ALSO PRESENT, SAID
HE HEARD THAT GOJ WAS CONSIDERING RELAXING SOME IMPORT
CONTROLS SINCE CONTROLS WERE IMPACTING ADVERSELY ON
JAMAICAN INDUSTRIES AND WERE RESULTING IN EXACERBATION OF
UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM. HE ASKED IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION
TO THAT EFFECT. HE ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT GOJ WAGE GUIDELINES
AND ASKED IF WE HAD HEARD THAT SOME RECENT WAGE SETTLEMENT
HAD BROKEN GUIDELINES. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION ON THESE TWO SUBJECTS THAT WE COULD PASS TO
EXTAFF. ENDERS

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